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NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 11  
20 October 1948

1. Members present were as follows:

Dr. Dunn	State
Dr. Appleton	State
Col. MacLean	Army
Lt. Col. DeHority	Navy
Cdr. Howell	Navy
Lt. Col. Gould	Air Force
Maj. Gamber	Air Force
	CIA (Chairman)
	CIA

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2. The question was raised whether Army may omit details of order of battle from Chapter VIII, NIS #26, in view of the shifting nature of this material and of the fact that ID publishes bi-monthly a bulletin setting forth these details. The consensus was that Army may omit such details as it wishes and that Navy and Air Force may do likewise, should they so desire.

3. The members were reminded that the Agencies themselves are responsible for the production of any special maps and plans they may desire to use in connection with NIS, because of the present limitations on the capabilities of Map Branch. Members were especially requested to impress this point on their coordinating staffs. The State member pointed out that State has no map producing facilities, all such facilities having been transferred to CIA. The Navy member stated that Navy may require assistance in the production of color proofs. The Chief, BIG, stated that these problems can be solved at the coordinating staff meeting concerning maps to be held on 25 October.

4. The State member turned in State's requirements for NIS and for preliminary gazetteers. This completes the IAC Agency requirements. In addition, the NIS Committee members were requested to furnish to BIG a list of all sub-contributors to the NIS.

5. It was decided that Chapters IV, V, and VI, NIS #86 (Venezuela), scheduled for FY 1949, would be published minus those portions for which Agencies other than State are responsible.

6. Copies of a proposed Petroleum Supplement to NIS had been previously distributed to the members for study prior to the meeting. The background of the proposition was explained. The consensus was as follows:

- a. It is inadvisable to publish a supplement at this time.

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b. If, at a future date, it becomes advisable, for some reason such as a request by the Joint Chiefs, to publish a Petroleum Supplement, the proposed outline guide is not satisfactory because it covers material already included in the outline guide for Chapter VI.

c. The NIS Committee should appoint a Petroleum Subcommittee to formulate the requirements of a Petroleum Supplement and draw up an outline guide therefor. Looking to this outline guide for general direction, the Bureau of Mines, Department of the Interior, should collect, collate, and be the repository of, all the detailed petroleum information procurable from public and private sources. This information should be available directly to all Government agencies that need it, including those engaged in the preparation of NIS. Should it become advisable to publish a Petroleum Supplement to NIS, the detailed information in possession of the Bureau of Mines should be available for the preparation thereof. Details in excess of the requirements of both the NIS and the Supplement should still be maintained for the benefit of those agencies that need it.

The Chairman undertook to take up this matter with the Economic Panel, CIA, and the Petroleum Board, Department of the Interior.

7. The distribution of intelligence material to non-IAC Agencies was discussed. It was pointed out that this is an Agency responsibility. Such intelligence should be distributed with due attention to the Third Agency Rule. SID-USSR is an exception because it has been specifically restricted by IAC to IAC Agencies. Because the restriction was imposed by IAC, CIA cannot alter the restriction unilaterally. State may, on its own responsibility, abstract certain portions of the SID needed by the non-IAC Agencies for their work in connection with NIS and give it to them. State may contact BIG for assistance in obtaining clearance of CIA publications.

8. NIS progress reports were discussed. Chapter coordinators are to render to BIG reports on forms to be provided by BIG on the second working day preceding the end of each month. Other contributors are to report to chapter coordinators at times to be specified by the chapter coordinators so as to permit the latter to meet the requirement specified in the preceding sentence. Copies of chapter coordinator reports to BIG are not required by the other contributors. Copies of a monthly report on the publication status of NIS will be furnished the Agencies by BIG. CIA is chapter coordinator of Chapter VI. The non-IAC Agencies are to submit their progress reports to BIG through State, Army, Navy, and Air Force are to submit their reports directly to BIG. All Chapter VI reports are to reach BIG by the third working day preceding the end of the month.

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9. Army and Navy are to work out between themselves changes in the allocation of responsibility for preparing Sections 35 and Supplements I. Addenda embodying these changes will not be published. A memorandum will be sent out to holders cancelling the allocation for Section 35 now appearing in the "Allocations of Responsibility" except "Joint Army-Navy" and the Appendix to "Allocations of Responsibility."

10. The Air Force member was asked to explain the meaning of General Cabell's letter to the Eberstadt Committee regarding reconsideration of allocations of responsibility for NIS. The member was unprepared to answer but said he would find out.

11. A meeting of NIS coordinators for augmentation of Editorial Instructions regarding maps was announced for 25 October. Individual calls announcing hour and place will be made by BIG.

12. Copies of the Proposed Production Schedule for NIS Preliminary Gazetteers were distributed.

13. It was announced that every effort should be made to meet the requirements set down in the Tentative NIS Production Schedule for FY 1949. The only contribution which is now behind hand is Section 22 of NIS 26-III, which is being prepared by Navy in conjunction with Army. The reason for this is that Navy has just received the Beach Tables from Army. The section will now probably require another two weeks to complete.

14. The Army member rendered preliminary report on the coordinated production schedule FY 1950 for NIS Chapters II, III, VII, VIII. Copy of this report is to be furnished the State member who will use it as a basis for formulating the preliminary production schedule FY 1950 for NIS Chapters IV, V, and VI. Upon completion of this latter report it is planned to develop the preliminary production schedule FY 1950 for NIS Chapters I and IX. The entire schedule FY 1950 will then be integrated by BIG and submitted to the NIS Committee for study and approval. Its publication and distribution to the Intelligence Agencies should be accomplished by January 1949.

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